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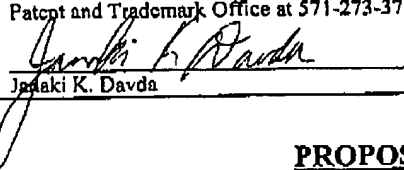
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Dear Examiner:

This proposed amendment is being submitted in response to our telephone conference discussing the claims.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.  
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